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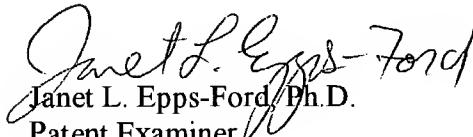
1. The amendment filed on 4-13-04 canceling all reference to the elected patentably distinct species and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because Applicants amendment the claims removes all reference to the L-nucleotide groups which corresponds to the W1 and W2 moieties recited in the instant claims. In the Paper filed 10-15-03 Applicants elected the species according to ISIS #120745 which comprised the 5' and 3' L-nucleotides. Applicant's amendment to the claims results in the elected claims 1-7, 16-26 and 36-40 no longer reading on the elected invention.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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